



# EMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

## American Citizen Newsletter

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### Meet the Section: Doni Phillips

*Meet Consul Doni Phillips, who arrived in August as Embassy Ouagadougou's new Consular Chief. Doni is coming to Burkina Faso from Washington, D.C.*

#### Where do you call home in the United States?

I would say Arlington, Virginia. I'm originally from Fromberg, Montana. Population 300.

#### Before Burkina Faso, where were you posted?

I was in Washington for two years and before that in Yaoundé, Cameroon, where I worked as the Consular Chief.

#### Why did you choose to become a consular officer?

It's because it was a logical use of my legal background, and I wanted to help people.

I had earned a law degree and worked in family law in Montana before joining the Foreign Service.

#### What do you like most about your job?

It's endlessly interesting, and you never know what each day will bring. Consular officers have the best stories.

#### What are you looking forward to doing in Burkina Faso during your time here?

I'm looking to travel to each part of Burkina Faso that I can travel to. And I want to see elephants!



### Need a Doctor? There's a List for That

Whether you're in town for a few weeks or have lived in Burkina Faso for decades, no one wants to need a doctor and not know who to call. That's why the embassy maintains a list of medical providers in Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso. While the list is not an endorsement of certain medical providers over others, it's a resource that's worth having handy in an emergency.

All U.S. citizens visiting or living in Burkina Faso should know that many medical services readily available in the United States may not be available in Burkina Faso. Medical facilities and infrastructure can be extremely limited, especially outside Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso. Treatment of serious medical issues may require medical evacuation from Burkina Faso.

You can find the embassy's list of medical providers on [this page](#) on the embassy's website.

### Provided Services

The Consular Section provides the following routine services for U.S. citizens in Burkina Faso:

- Passport application and renewal
- Notarial services
- Consular Reports of Birth Abroad
- Consular Reports of Death Abroad

*To schedule a non-emergency service, contact the Consular Section to schedule an appointment.*

### Hours

#### Consular Section

Monday to Thursday, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Friday, 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

#### Non-Emergency Citizen Services

Monday and Thursday, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm,  
by appointment

#### Phone Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday, 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
Friday, 10:00am to 12:00pm

*Embassy Ouagadougou is closed during U.S. and Burkina Faso holidays.*

### Upcoming Dates

**September 5:** Labor Day (U.S.)

**September 11:** Aid-El Kabir/Tabaski (Burkina Faso)

**October 10:** Columbus Day (U.S.)

**November 1:** All Saints Day (Burkina Faso)

**November 11:** Veterans Day (U.S.)

**November 24:** Thanksgiving (U.S.)